THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 26th November 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Wholesale dealers in cloth and yarn in East Godavari district.

* 146-A *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to place on the table—

(*a*) the list of wholesale dealers in cloth finally selected by the Government for the district of East Godavari; and

(*b*) the list of wholesale dealers in yarn finally selected by the Government for the district of East Godavari?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Lists[a] of wholesale dealers for mill cloth and for yarn for the East Godavari district approved by the Government have been placed on the table of the House."

Allotment of Japanese industrial equipment.

* 147 *Q*.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Japanese industrial equipment (received by way of reparations) was allotted to this Province by the Government of India;

(*b*) if so, (i) the particulars of machinery expected or received and (ii) how the same has been disposed of; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government have made any, and what representations to the Government of India in the matter and with what results?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) On a reference from the Government of India in October 1945 calling for telegraphic information regarding material damage caused in this Province by Japanese action with a view to exaction of reparations from that country, this Government informed Government of India that the claim for damage amounted to Rs. 5·5 crores roundly. In case the reparation would be met in kind, this Government also informed the Government of India of the industrial equipment required by the Textiles and other departments in this Province

[a] Printed as appendix on pages 697–698 infra.

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No reference making an allotment either in cash or kind to this Province has so far been received from the Government of India."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether India got any industrial equipment from Germany or other ex-enemy countries by way of reparation and if so, what is the share of this Province? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This question has got to be addressed to the Government of India and not to this Government."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have this Government followed up the question after the first communication sent to the Government of India and insisted that they should have some share in the reparation in view of the damage caused to this Province? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That was the intention of the Government of India and that is why they have asked us to say."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has the Government of India received any reparation either from Japan, Germany or other ex-enemy countries? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The information was asked by the Government of India from this Provincial Government and we have asked our share both in cash and equipment that may be required. So far we have not received any reply from the Government of India."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request this Government to remind the Government of India? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That matter will be considered."

Restriction on the length of films.

* 148 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any restriction on the length of films permitted for exhibition in cinemas;

(*b*) whether any such restrictions are under consideration;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government were consulted in the matter by the Government of India; and

(*d*) whether any representations have been received on the subject from the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, and if so, what the substance of the representation is and whether the Government have taken any action thereon?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) Not at present.

" (*b*) Yes.